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1. IN OUR VIEW SOVIET DEL SHOULD BE INFORMED PROMPTLY
USG IS NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON
BILATERAL AVIATION RELATIONS IN RETURN FOR SOVIET'S
VOTING FOR TRSB RATHER THAN ABSTAINING. ACCORDING TO
WHAT WE UNDERSTAND IS LATEST VOTE FORECAST, SOVIET
ABSTENTION WOULD NOT KEEP AWOP VOTE OUTCOME FROM BEING
INSUFFICIENTLY CONCLUSIVE IN ANY CASE (4 FOR TRSB, 4
FOR DOPPLER, 2 ABSTENTIONS IF SOVIETS VOTE FOR RTSB;
3 FOR TRSB, 4 FOR DOPPLER, 3 ABSTENTIONS IF SOVIETS
ABSTAIN). IN FACT, IT MAY BE BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENTLY
CONCLUSIVE OUTCOME IN EITHER CASE THAT SOVIETS, WHOSE
INTERESTS LIE WITH TRSB, ARE WILLING TO TRY THIS PLOY.

2. RECENT SOVIET MOVES TO PERMIT PANAM APRIL AND MAY
CHARTERS AND TO LIFT PANAM TICKETING RESTRICTIONS SHOULD
BE RECOGNIZED AS ATTEMPT TO DEFUSE BILATERAL AVIATION
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CONFRONTATION. WE SHOULD CONSIDER RESPONDING SIMILARLY,
SPECIFICALLY BY LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON AEROFLOT
TICKETING. PRINCIPAL BILATERAL OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING
BALANCED BENEFITS, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT BE ABANDONED
IN EXCHANGE FOR EITHER THESE MOVES OR SOVIET VOTE IN
FAVOR OF TRSB.

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